

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Original) An adhesive rubber composition comprising 100 parts by weight of a rubber component and 0.1 to 3 parts by weight of a metal acetylacetonate having an average particle size of 50  $\mu\text{m}$  or less.
2. (Original) An adhesive rubber composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein said rubber component and metal acetylacetonate are mixed at a temperature of the highest temperature reached during mixing of 140°C or less.
3. (Currently Amended) An adhesive rubber composition as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, where said metal acetylacetonate is cobalt (II) acetylacetonate or cobalt (III) acetylacetonate or a mixture thereof.
4. (Currently Amended) A tire comprising ~~using~~ an adhesive rubber composition according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1.
5. (New) An adhesive rubber composition as claimed in claim 2, where said metal acetylacetonate is cobalt (II) acetylacetonate or cobalt (III) acetylacetonate or a mixture thereof.
6. (New) A tire comprising an adhesive rubber composition according to claim 5.
7. (New) A tire comprising an adhesive rubber composition according to claim 2.
8. (New) A tire comprising an adhesive rubber composition according to claim 3.